

REMARKS

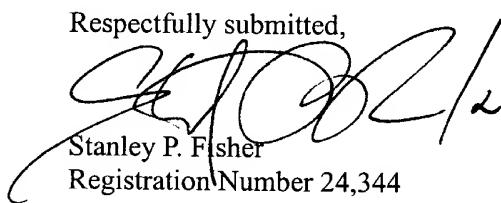
The amendments to the above-referenced application as outlined above and as set forth in the various attachments, along with the following remarks, are being submitted prior to the examination of this application on the merits. The Examiner is respectfully requested to give due consideration to the application in conjunction with the preliminary amendments submitted to date, and to pass this case to issue.

Claims 3 and 7 are being amended, while new claims 8 - 16 are being added corresponding to other embodiments disclosed in the specification. Further, the specification and abstract are being amended to correct various formal errors. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the present second supplemental preliminary amendment.

In particular, the specification is being amended to correct various grammatical errors in the specification, and to correct the value for the heat conductivity of silicone rubber. Attached hereto is a copy of Shin-Etsu's catalog (published September 3, 1994), along with a translation of the relevant portions, showing that the information being corrected is well-known and not intended to introduce any new matter into the application.

Substantive consideration of the claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

3. A liquid crystal display device comprising:
  - a liquid crystal display panel[:];  
a luminaire [having at least one fluorescent lamp which is] disposed so as to irradiate said liquid crystal display panel with light, and having at least one fluorescent lamp;
  - a housing containing at least said luminaire;
  - at least one lamp holder holding said at least one fluorescent lamp at the electrode portion; and
  - at least one spacer provided between an outer surface of said lamp holder and a surface of another member which is different from said lamp holder.
7. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, [Wherein] wherein said housing has at least one opening or at least one notch corresponding to at least one electrode portion of said at least one fluorescent lamp.